

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 BUENOS 03236 101144 Z

50

ACTION ARA-17

INFO OCT-01 ADP-00 AID-20 EB-11 OMB-01 SY-10 CIAE-00

DODE-00 PM-09 H-02 INR-10 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-10 PA-03

RSC-01 PRS-01 SS-15 USIA-12 RSR-01 /127 W

----- 024224

R 092120 Z MAY 73

FM AMEMBASSY BUENOS AIRES

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1976

INFO AMEMBASSY SANTIAGO

USCINCSO

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE BUENOS AIRES 3236

USCINCSO FOR POLAD

E. O. 11652: N/ A

TAGS: PFOR, AR, CI

SUBJECT: GOA GRANTS ASYLUM TO CHILEAN RIGHTISTS

REF BA 3193

1. EVENING MAY 8 PRESIDENT LANUSSE SIGNED DECREE GRANTING POLITICAL ASYLUM TO TWO LEADERS OF THE CHILEAN RIGHTIST MOVEMENT, PATRIA Y LIBERTAD. WALTER ROBERT THIEME AND MIGUEL JUAN SESSA HAD LANDED THEIR SMALL PLANE ON A PRIVATE LANDING STRIP NEAR MENDOZA ON MAY 3 AND, WHILE IN CUSTODY OF MENDOZA MILITARY AUTHORITIES, REPORTEDLY ASKED FOR ASYLUM. DECREE GRANTS THE TWO CHILEANS PERMISSION TO REMAIN IN ARGENTINA; HOWEVER, THEY MAY NOT RESIDE IN ANY PROVINCE BORDERING ON CHILE.

2. COMMENT. WHILE PROMPT POSITIVE ACTION BY THE PRESENT LAME DUCK GOA CAME SOMEWHAT UNEXPECTEDLY, IT DOES FOLLOW STRONG LATIN AMERICAN TRADITION OF GRANTING POLITICAL ASYLUM REQUESTS WHENEVER POSSIBLE OR CONVENIENT. PRESENT CASE NOT EXACTLY PARALLEL TO GOC' S ACTION LAST AUGUST IN
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 BUENOS 03236 101144 Z

GRANTING OF ASYLUM TO TEN ESCAPED ARGENTINE TERRORISTS,
BUT THIS MAY HAVE BEEN A FACTOR IN GOA DECISION.
LODGE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
NMAFVVZCZ

*** Current Handling Restrictions *** n/a

*** Current Classification *** LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: PFOR
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 09 MAY 1973
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: elyme
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1973BUENOS03236
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: n/a
Errors: n/a
Film Number: n/a
From: BUENOS AIRES
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1973/newtext/t19730540/aaaipur.tel
Line Count: 66
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE
Office: ACTION ARA
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: elyme
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 15 JAN 2002
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <15-Jan-2002 by boyleja>; APPROVED <05-Feb-2002 by elyme>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: <DBA CORRECTED> mcm 980121
Subject: GOA GRANTS ASYLUM TO CHILEAN RIGHTISTS REF BA 3193
TAGS: PFOR, AR, CI
To: ARA
SANTIAGO
SECSTATE WASHDC
USCINCSO
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005